Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB) Progress Report

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IPHC Commissioners 2016 Work Meeting

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Overview

- Review MSAB progress from 2016 meetings
  - MSAB Governance – seeking guidance

- Next steps: work plan implementation

Annual Meeting debrief

- Stakeholders sought to clarify MSAB role in existing consultative and decision-making processes
- Stakeholder interest in further technical assistance from IPHC staff
- Stakeholder interest in examining size limits and the current harvest policy, and exploring long-term objectives for the fishery
- Received direction by the Commissioners to evaluate the current harvest policy

Terms of Reference

- Mandate
- Organization
  - Membership, Terms, Observers
- Procedures
  - Decision making, agenda setting, reporting

- MSAB requests guidance from Commission with respect to:
  - defining the “fishery” to be examined through the MSE; and
  - MSAB membership
  - → Adoption of Terms of Reference should resolve these questions

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"The MSAB recognizes Pacific Halibut mortalities occur in both the directed Halibut fishery and in other fisheries where Halibut are incidentally caught. The MSAB is initially focused on developing fishery objectives, harvest policies and management strategies for the directed Halibut fisheries. The performance of these strategies will be evaluated against scenarios that account for the actions of other fisheries where Halibut are incidentally caught."

Commissioner comment

- Provisional support, pending promulgation at the next official meeting

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- The MSAB membership will consist of:
  - 6-8 commercial fishery representatives
  - 2-4 First Nations/Tribal fishery representatives
  - 2-4 processor representatives
  - 2-4 Recreational/Sport fishery representatives
- Efforts will be made to ensure representation is distributed throughout regulatory areas.
- MSAB ex-officio participants and participant observers will consist of:
  - 7-8 government agency staff and domestic management representatives, including science advisors to each national delegation
  - 2 Commissioners

Membership

- No defined membership term length
- Co-chairs and steering committee sit for 2 year, renewable terms

- Recommend appeal for members to Processors Advisory Group and Conference Board as required

Commissioner comment

- Implement term limits
  - 4 years, renewable
  - Staggered membership

Membership – Observers and experts

"MSAB meetings are open to the public and observers may attend. Observers are requested to notify the Commission of their planned attendance no less than two weeks in advance of the meeting date to confirm meeting room availability. Observers will be permitted to comment on agenda items at the sole discretion of the Co-Chairs. If the conduct of any member of the public in attendance is impeding the orderly progress of the meeting, the Co-Chairs may, at their sole discretion, ask the individual to leave. All meetings of the MSAB will be webcast."

Review

- Focus first on developing fishery objectives, harvest policies and management strategies for the directed Halibut fisheries. Performance will be evaluated against scenarios that account for the actions of other fisheries where Halibut are incidentally caught.

- Membership composition defined. New members to be sought from existing advisory processes as required.

- Meetings are open.

- **Seeking Commissioner promulgation of Terms of Reference.**

Commissioner comment

- Discussion had about consensus definition
  - Dr. Wilson to provide comment

October 2016

- Action items and work plan implementation
  - Verify that goals' relevance
  - Develop useful performance metrics to evaluate objectives
  - Identify the strengths and weaknesses of single-area and multiple-area models from a MSE perspective
  - Identify realistic management procedures of interest to evaluate with a closed-loop simulation framework
    - Outline the current harvest policy and evaluate relative to existing MSE objectives

- Commissioners provided provisional support for the